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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/611,768  
Applicant(s) : Stefan Thiem  
Filed : July 1, 2003  
Title : Drive System For An Apparatus For Staining Specimens  
  
TC/A.U. : 1743  
Examiner : Brian R. Gordon  
  
Docket No. : 37105.0051

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2006. A Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time, and a check in the amount of \$450.00 as payment of the extension fee, are enclosed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include two enclosed replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.